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Memorandum

To: LUPC Commissioners
CC: Stacie R. Beyer, Acting Executive Director
From: Ben Godsoe, Acting Planning Manager
Date: 06/03/2022
Re: Update on the Rangeley PZP Report Outreach Plan

At the May Commission meeting, staff presented an overview of the 2022 Evaluation and Progress Report for the Prospective Zoning Plan for the Rangeley Lakes Region. After discussing the Report at that meeting, the Commission directed staff to post the Report to a comment period and initiate discussions with community leaders to seek targeted feedback and ideas about next steps for the Rangeley Prospective Zoning Plan (PZP). The following proposed outreach plan includes goals for the process and provides mechanisms for gathering focused input from key community leaders and stakeholders as well as broad public feedback on the report.

2022 OUTREACH PLAN

1. Share highlights of the recent 20-year review with residents and stakeholders and collect feedback on responses;
2. Facilitate and participate in discussions with community leaders/stakeholders, including how the 2001 PZP has functioned, development that has occurred, relate results to the vision described in the Plan, and seek initial thoughts about the next steps;
3. Gauge community opinions on whether updating the PZP is needed; and
4. Synthesize feedback and conduct additional analyses to be reported to the LUPC Commission in the fall of 2022.

Timing	Objectives	Tasks
June/early July 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold comment period on the 2022 Rangeley PZP Progress Report, during which anyone can submit written comments 2. Prepare for additional targeted outreach over the summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update website, including web-based comment form • Prepare outreach materials, (e.g., summary of key takeaways; presentation; list of questions for community leaders/stakeholders) • Provide GovDelivery notice for comment period • Create list of key contacts • Develop targeted questions to ask • Prepare a brief PowerPoint of report highlights
July/August 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virtual or in person meetings with key community leaders and stakeholders 2. Collect feedback about report and opinions on effectiveness of the Rangeley PZP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up individual, small group, or public meetings as needed and based on feedback/interest • Synthesize feedback and prepare report
September/October 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Commission with recommendations for next steps based on feedback from community leaders and stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize outreach process and comments submitted • Develop proposal for process and timeline going forward

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

In May, Commissioners specifically suggested that staff discuss the matter with the Town of Rangeley as well as the new Franklin County Administrator. Staff will reach out to both the Town and Franklin County. Are there other key contacts we should make, or specific questions that the staff should ask people in the region?

Commissioners also suggested that access to high-speed internet and wireless communications may affect development in the region. The staff are currently investigating available information and opportunities for collaboration to study this and other economic considerations relevant to the PZP. Relevant findings would be included in the fall report to the Commission.